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Remarks**Introduction**

On October 24, 2005, applicants filed a RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 10, 2005 in the above case. This response contained clerical errors that resulted in a non-compliant amendment with respect to the section on the claims, and hence, the mailing on January 5, 2006 a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

On February 6, 2006, applicants filed a RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT and an attachment by which applicants complied with the formal requirements in regard to the section relating to the amendments to the claims. However, in order to correct the clerical errors, applicants now submit this SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE, which is a supplemental response to the RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 10, 2005. The purpose of this Supplemental Response is to correct the above-referenced clerical errors. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the paper. See MPEP 714.03(a).

The Clerical Errors

One clerical error comprised the insertion of "mm" instead of " μm " in conjunction with the grain size of the tungsten carbide. This clerical error occurred in claims 1, 2 and 22, and was noted in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. This paper corrects these errors by amending the claims to correctly read " μm ".

Another clerical error was the inclusion of claims 30-36 that did not correspond to the original claims. Since the method claims have been restricted out, applicants hereby cancel these claims 30-36.

The final clerical error was the inclusion of claims 37-42, as well as the failure to correctly designate the status as "New". Like for claims 30-36, since these claims pertain to the method, applicants hereby cancel the same.

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Affirmation of the Election of Claims

Although mentioned in the October 24, 2005 RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 10, 2005, applicants reiterate the affirmation of the election of Group I claims 1-23 to prosecute.

Rejection of Claims 1-23

The arguments were already presented in the October 24, 2005 RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 10, 2005, and will not repeated since they remain the same.

Conclusion

Applicants request the entry of this Supplemental Response.

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